Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Edna Smith was born on October 27, 1920, the sixth child of Charles and Alice Ellerman Smith, at their home in Utica, South Dakota. She is the granddaughter of German and Irish immigrants to this country; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Edna attended grade school in Utica and graduated in 1934 from Yankton High School. She worked in a war production plant in Omaha, Nebraska, while attending Duchesne College and graduated in 1942; and,

Whereas, Edna married Donald Dendinger on February 19, 1944, in Omaha. In 1946, they moved into their newly-built home in Yankton, South Dakota, and were blessed with ten children; and,

Whereas, Edna continues to be active in her community and is supportive of her church; and,

Whereas, Edna will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State